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SUBJECT: MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS IN BOGOTA

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1. DURING MY TOUR D'HORIZON TODAY WITH FONMIN CALVANI, HE SPONTANEOUSLY BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF IMPENDING MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS IN BOGOTA NOVEMBER 14-16.

2. CALVANI LAMENTED THAT TIME FOR PREPARATION WAS SO BRIEF. HE SAID HE HAD ONLY RECEIVED LAST WEDNESDAY (OCT 31) BY POUCH FROM BOGOTA FONMIN VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA'S DETAILED MEMO PROPOSING AN AGENDA. CALVANI THEN SENT TO HIS SECRETARY AND BROUGHT OUT THE VASQUEZ MEMO BUT DID NOT PERMIT ME MORE THAN TO SCAN IT. HOWEVER, IT WAS CLEAR THAT FIRST HALF OF OF COLOMBIAN AGENDA DEALT WITH MATTERS OF INTER-AMERICAN, AND PARTICULARLY INTER-SOUTH AMERICAN, CONCERN SUCH AS ANDEAN PACT AND LAFTA; AND I POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD NOT RELATE TO A DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE. WITH THIS COMMENT CALVANI AGREED. APPARENTLY LAST HALF OF VASQUEZ' MEMO DID ADDRESS ITSELF MORE PRECISELY TO RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES.

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3. I CONVEYED ESSENTIAL PARTS OF REFTEL TO CALVANI, WHO SAID

HE WAS IN ENTIRE AGREEMENT, AND THAT AS INDICATED DURING HIS MANDATE AS PRESIDENT OF THE LAST OAS ASSEMBLY, HE HAD SOUGHT TO STEER COURSE OF DEBATE IN LINE OF CONCILIATION AND AGAINST CONFRONTATION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE THIS ADVOCACY IN BOGOTA.

4. ON TACTICS, CALVANI SAID THAT IF VASQUEZ CARRISOSA (WHO ARRIVES HERE NEXT SUNDAY, NOV4) INSISTED ON HIS TIME FRAMEWORK, VENEZUELA WOULD GO ALONG, ALTHOUGH RELUCTANTLY, IN TRYING TO COME UP WITH A GOOD TEAM ON TIME. ACCORDING TO VASQUEZ' MEMO AND HIS LETTER OF INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE, THERE WILL BE A PRELIMINARY MEETING AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL STARTING NOVEMBER 8 TO EXCHANGE WRITTEN MEMORANDA AND THEN OVER THE WEEKEND TO "CONSULT" PRIOR TO FULL DRESS MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS NOVEMBER 14. CALVANI SAID THAT VENEZUELA WAS INDEED FIELDING ITS FIRST TEAM. BECAUSE INITIATIVE FOR THIS MEETING HAS COME FROM THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, OBVIOUSLY VENEZUELA'S AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, ANDRES AGUILAR, SHOULD BE ONE OF THOSE IN THE VENEZUELAN PRELIMINARY DELEGATION. SIMILARLY, GARCIA BUSTILLOS, VENEZUELA'S AMBASSADOR TO OAS, WOULD BE A MEMBER OF THAT TEAM. BECAUSE OF HIS CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE OF VINA DEL MAR, DIAZ BRUZUAL, DIRECTOR OF VENEZUELAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN COMMERCE, WOULD LIKEWISE BE A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION; AND, FINALLY, HEAD OF POLITICAL SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, PEREZ CHIRIBOGA, WOULD BE FOURTH MEMBER OF TEAM.

5. CALVANI READ ME EXCERPTS FROM HIS LETTER TO VASQUEZ CARRIZOSA IN WHICH HE DEMURRED FROM URGENCY OF MEETING NOV 14 AND SUGGESTED POSSIBILITIES OF DELAY. HOWEVER, COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR CHARRY SAMPER, WHO LUNCHEDED WITH ME TODAY, SAID THAT VASQUEZ WAS MOVING SWIFTLY BECAUSE HE HAD HAD IMPRESSION FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT USG DESIRED RAPID MOVEMENT. CALVANI TOLD ME THAT HE THOUGHT BEST THAT COULD BE EXPECTED OF MEETING IN BOGOTA NOV 14-16 WOULD BE IN EFFECT A PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE PRIOR TO A MORE FULL DRESS MEETING OF MINDS BEFORE SITTING DOWN WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE WAS, HOWEVER (PARA FIVE REFTEL), IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SERIES OF "GET TOGETHER" CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETINGS; AND HE LIKEWISE WAS IN ENTIRE AGREEMENT THAT LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS SHOULD NOT LINE UP IN A CONFRONTATIONAL POSTURE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES.

6. HOWEVER, I LEARN FROM MY COLOMBIAN COLLEAGUE THAT INDEED PANAMANIAN, PERUVIAN AND ARGENTINE MAY ADVOCATE SUCH A CONFRONTATIONAL POSITION. HE SAYS SIXTEEN NATIONS HAVE ACCEPTED.

7. IT IS INTERESTING THAT IN A MEETING YESTERDAY WITH CALVANI, MY COLOMBIAN COLLEAGUE HAD PUSHED COLOMBIA'S ADVOCACY OF A REPRESENTATION FOR GUYANA AT THE BOGOTA MEETING. HE SAID CALVANI WAS SILENT BUT RESTIVE AND THAT HIS RESPONSE HAD BEEN, "IF WE ADMIT GUYANA, HOW CAN YOU EXCLUDE CUBA?"

8. I SAID TO COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR IT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT SIT VERY WELL WITH OUR SECRETARY OF STATE IF THE BOGOTA MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FONMINS INCLUDED A POLEMICAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM CUBA WHO WOULD MERELY USE BOGOTA'S PODIUM FOR REPEATING THE SCURRILITIES OF THE CUBAN FONMIN AT THE UN. COLOMBIA AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS SURELY OUT OF THE QUESTION THAT BOGOTA WOULD PERMIT CUBA TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE NOV 14-16 CONFERENCE. HE ADDED THAT IF GUYANA WERE NOT ADMITTED TO THE MEETING, THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN MINI-STATES WOULD NOT COME.
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